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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROBLEMS

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1. AS INSTRUCTED, WE WENT OVER TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL JANUARY 13 WITH CHRISTOPHER MALLABY, HEAD OF FCO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT. AFTER THANKING US FOR KEEPING HMG UP TO DATE, MALLABY SAID THAT BRITISH INVOLVEMENT MIGHT AGAIN BE APPROPRIATE AFTER US-SAG TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BUT BEFORE WASHINGTON-PRETORIA POLITICAL TALKS WHICH MIGHT SEE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. SPECIFICALLY, UK CONTRIBUTION TO PROCESS COULD BE LETTER FROM OWEN OR CALLAGHAN, WHICH WOULD INDICATE TO SOUTH AFRICANS THAT UK KNEW OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, HOPED THAT US-SAG POLITICAL LEVEL TALKS WOULD LEAD TO RESOLUTION OF NUCLEAR PROBLEM, SOUTH AFRICAN RATIFICATION OF THE NPT, AND EARLY INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AT VALINDABA. MALLABY CONCLUDED THAT HE TRUSTED WASHINGTON WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HMG SO THAT BRITISH COULD BE HELPFUL AT THE PROPER TIME.

2. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT PARIS, BONN AND PRETORIA.

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